

May 6, 2022

VIA EXPRESS MAIL

Sheriff Alex Villanueva
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Hall of Justice, 8th Floor
211 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission Investigation

Dear Sheriff:

On March 25 I wrote you and explained that I, together with a team of experienced lawyers, have been asked, pursuant to a Motion adopted unanimously by the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission ("Commission"), to conduct a detailed investigation into the existence, operation and impact of deputy gangs, cliques or exclusionary subgroups within the LASD.

In my letter of March 25, I requested the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the investigation and the issues it would address. I have received no response to my letter.

On May 24, 2022, at Loyola Law School, in the Robinson Courtroom, the Commission will conduct an evidentiary hearing addressing certain information relating to the subjects described above. I anticipate that there will be testimony about Deputy subgroups known as the Banditos and the Executioners. In addition I expect that there will be testimony regarding the existence of a subgroup within the Men's Central Jail.

Please accept my invitation to the Commission hearing. It will commence at 9 a.m. at the date and location described. I would be delighted to work with your scheduler so that the Commission may have the maximum opportunity to accommodate your schedule.

Please confirm by the close of business May 16 that you will attend. I look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,



Bert H. Deixler

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